

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**F A C T   S H E E T**

**APPROVAL TO RENEW 18 OUT-OF-STATE CHILD  
PLACEMENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENTS  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to renew 18 Out-of-State Child Placement Mental Health Services agreements for mentally ill clients who are placed in out-of-state residential programs.

**REQUEST**

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute the renewal of 18 Out-of-State Child Placement (OSCP) Mental Health Services agreements at an estimated annual cost of \$22,417,000, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 with two successive one-year automatic renewal options through FY 2012-13.
2. Authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future new agreements with other qualified and licensed OSCP providers provided that: 1) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 2) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or their designees, is obtained prior to any such new agreements; and 3) the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, notifies your Board of new agreements in writing within 30 days after execution of each agreement.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute amendments to existing or future new agreements, provided that: 1) the County's revised daily rate for each applicable fiscal year does not increase by 20 percent from the applicable revised daily rate; 2) any increase will be used to provide additional services or to reflect program or Board policy changes; 3) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the CEO, or their designees, is obtained prior to any such amendments; 5) the parties, by written Amendment, may mutually agree to reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation; and 6) the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, notifies your Board of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each amendment.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION**

Board approval of the recommended actions will renew the existing 18 OSCP Mental Health Services agreements expiring on June 30, 2010. Renewal of these agreements will allow continued services to severely and persistently mentally ill (SPMI) young adults, seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) children, adolescents, and their families, and provision of support and technical services for the delivery of these mental health services. In addition, Board approval will allow the Department to enter into agreements with new OSCP providers, and to amend agreements, as the need arises.

## **BACKGROUND**

The renewal of these agreements will provide an array of mental health treatment services to SPMI young adults, SED children, adolescents, and their families who are residents of the County of Los Angeles and are placed in out-of-state education and mental health treatment facilities. Placements are based on a referral from the local school districts as these SED children and adolescents have either failed in multiple local residential programs or have been refused admission by a multitude of mental health programs in California.

The agreement format has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The CEO has reviewed the proposed actions. DMH clinical and administrative staff will continue to administer and supervise these agreements and evaluate programs to ensure that quality services are being provided to clients and that the agreement provisions and Departmental policies are being followed.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The County currently has existing agreements with 18 OSCP contractors that will expire June 30, 2010. They are being renewed due to the continuing need for their specialized services for Los Angeles County residents.

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